



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

January 31, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nominee for Federal Railroad Administrator

Dear Senator Schumer:

Today a train carrying members of Congress from both the Senate and the House of Representatives was involved in a tragic crash that resulted in multiple injuries and at least one fatality. While the circumstances of that crash are being reviewed by the Federal Railroad Administration, it is clear that the agency needs to have its chief rail safety official in place. Ronald Batory, a highly qualified rail safety expert, was approved by the Senate Commerce Committee more than six months ago by a voice vote without any objections from Senators of either party. Today's tragic accident is not the first one to occur during the lengthy delay since then. In the interest of public safety, I am asking that you set aside wholly unrelated issues and remove your hold on his nomination to become the Federal Railroad Administrator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Rosen", is positioned above the typed name.

Jeffrey A. Rosen